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Fact Sheet EPA Region 6's Ready for Reuse Determination for Sheffield Steel Corporation Sand Springs, OK

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EPA Region 6 is developing on a new long-term corrective action "measure of success" post GPRA environmental indicators 725/750. It will be a new measure that recognizes when a site/facility has been addressed or remediated to the extent that it is safe for reuse or redevelopment. This is not intended to be a clean-closure approach, rather it encourages cleanups that will quickly support protective redevelopment opportunities. EPA and/or the states will provide a regulatory "certification" that will be an affirmatory determination that the site is considered acceptable for its designated reuse. This "certification" will be called a Ready for Reuse Determination.

The Sheffield Steel Corporation facility is located at 2300 South Highway 97, Sand Springs, Tulsa County, Oklahoma and consists of approximately 144 acres (the "Property"). Sheffield Steel and its predecessors have operated the facility for more than 72 years as a steel manufacturing facility. Sheffield Steel currently operates two electric arc furnaces, a continuous caster, a rolling mill to produce rebar and fence posts and a paint shop. In the course of the historical manufacturing activities, Sheffield has managed hazardous materials and some releases have occurred. To address those releases, Sheffield voluntarily agreed to perform certain corrective action activities under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA).

Pursuant to discussions between Oklahoma DEQ EPA Region 6 and Sheffield Steel Corporation on December 7, 2001, it was agreed that Sheffield Steel would address its corrective action needs according to the EPA Region 6 Corrective Action Strategy (CAS). With this Ready for Reuse Determination, Oklahoma DEQ and EPA Region 6 agree that Sheffield Steel Corporation has successfully completed its cleanup under the CAS and that environmental conditions at the property are protective of its current use and anticipated future use as an industrial operation.